

**Electrification of Rail-Routes****†2292. DR. D. MASTHAN:****SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased state:

- (a) whether 41.7 per cent of total Rail-routes has been electrified;
- (b) if not, the per cent of electrification of total rail-routes accomplished by the end of March, 2000;
- (c) the total amount spent on this electrification; and
- (d) the per kilometer expenditure made for running trains by electricity, after this electrification?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Till March, 2000, 23.86% of the railway routes have been electrified.

(c) Rs. 3950 crores (approximately) has been spent.

(d) The expenditure made for running trains by electricity is worked out in the form of Traction Specific Line Haul Costs in Rupees per thousand gross tonne kilometres.

The latest figures of 1998-99 are as under:

Freight Services : 76.04. Rupees

Passenger Services : 137.20 Rupees

**Public Address System at Bidhannagar Railway Station****2293. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:****SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1816, given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th December, 1999 and state:

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<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.